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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, JA

SUBJ: IE SHIMA: DUMMY NUCLEAR WEAPONS TRAINING

REF: A. TOKYO 2538 DTG 130415Z MAR 72

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SUMMARY: JCP ALLEGED JULY 31 THAT US FORCES ARE CONDUCTING DUMMY NUCLEAR WEAPON TRAINING AT IE SHIMA, DESPITE GOJ ASSURANCES TO DIET THAT SUCH TRAINING WILL NOT BE PERMITTED AFTER REVERSION. JCP EXPECTED RAISE ISSUE IN DIET COMMITTEE AUGUST 2. EMBASSY AND US FORCES ARE WITHHOLDING COMMENT PENDING INSTRUCTIONS.

ACTION REQUESTED: (1) CONFIRMATION THAT THERE IS NO RPT NOT US-GOJ AGREEMENT TO CEASE SUCH TRAINING AFTER REVERSION; AND (2) PRESS GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY.

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1. ACCORDING TO TOKYO PRESS AUGUST 1, JCP DIET MEMBER

SENAGA ALLEGED THAT JULY 31 PRESS CONFERENCE THAT US FORCES WERE CONDUCTING MOCK NUCLEAR WEAPON TRAINING AT IE SHIMA TODAY DESPITE ASSURANCES OF GOJ LEADERS TO DIET THAT IT WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED AFTER REVERSION. SENAGA CHARGED THAT F-4'S BELONG TO 18TH TFW FROM KADENA, FOR EXAMPLE, CONDUCTED SUCH TRAINING INVOLVING USE OF BDU-8-B DUMMY BOMBS ON JULY 2 AND 23. HE SAID ASSURANCES RE CESSATION SUCH TRAINING AFTER REVERSION WAS MADE BY PM SATO AND FONMIN FUKUDA TO DIET MARCH 7, 1972.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS, SENAGA SAID HE HAD ASKED GOJ TO EX-

PLAIN: (1) RESULTS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH USG RE CESSATION SUCH TRAINING; (2) GOJ MEASURES AGAINST CURRENT TRAINING AT IE SHIMA; (3) "COMMITMENT TO BE MADE" BY US FORCES NOT TO CONDUCT NUCLEAR TRAINING (OF ANY KIND) IN JAPAN; (4) STATUS OF DEMAND THAT 18 TFW, "THE NUCLEAR WEAPON UNIT", BE WITHDRAWN FROM JAPAN; AND (5) STATUS OF REQUEST THAT US FORCES PERMIT "INSPECTION" (BY DIET) WITHIN US BASES.

"AKAHATA" JULY 27 CARRIED FULL ACCOUNT OF ALLEGED ACTIVITY AT IE SHIMA.

3. FONOFF INFORMED EMBOFF AUGUST 1 THAT SENAGA EXPECTED TO RAISE ISSUE AT DIET COMMITTEE SESSION MORNING AUGUST 2, AND THAT FONOFF HOPES COORDINATE WITH EMBASSY ON ANSWERS TO SENAGA'S QUESTIONS. (FONOFF HAS NOT DONE SO AS OF COB AUGUST 1).

4. FONOFF ALSO TOLD EMBOFF THAT MAIN PROBLEM FACING GOJ IS QUESTION OF DEALING WITH FUKUDA'S STATEMENT TO DIET THAT DUMMY NUCLEAR WEAPON TRAINING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AFTER REVERSION. OUR RECORDS (E.G. REFTELS) SHOW THAT FUKUDA HAD PROMISED DIET THAT GOJ WULD REQUEST USG TO STOP SUCH TRAINING, THAT FONOFF MADE SUCH REQUEST, AND THAT WE HAD TURNED IT DOWN. WE HAVE NO REPEAT NO RECORD OF ANY DEVELOPMENT THEREAFTER RE USG-GOJ AGREEMENT TO END SUCH TRAINING. EMB URGENTLY REQUESTS CONFIRMATION THAT THERE IS NO AGREEMENT.

5. WE ANTICIPATE PRESS QUERIES AUGUST 2 REGARDING JCP ALLEGATIONS. WE ARE ADHERING TO "NO COMMENT" POSITION, AND
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HAVE ADVISED USFJ/5TH AF TO TAKE SIMILAR POSITION PENDING INSTRUCTIONS. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE SOONEST.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: AS REQUESTED PARAS 3 AND 4.
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